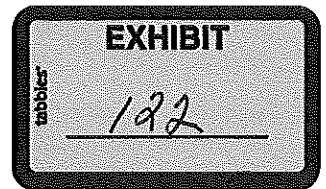


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BUREAU OF WATER PROTECTION AND LAND REUSE  
OFFICE OF THE BUREAU CHIEF

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Subject: Proposed DEP minimum river flow regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey:

As a resident of Enfield, Connecticut, I recognize the need to protect and encourage the responsible management of our water resources. This extends to my support for any work that promotes and protects healthy rivers and streams in Enfield, and which will also protect the vast supplies of sub-surface water that provide the majority of water to our citizens.

It is encouraging to know the CT DEP is proposing regulations to protect the ecology of Connecticut's rivers. However, it is very disturbing to hear that there is a component put forth that creates a class of rivers that could be written off as hopeless. The 'Class 4' rating will not only encourage continued abuse of such waterways, it will ultimately allow them to either die or effectively be removed from the ecological cycles of our state. I strongly urge the deletion of the proposed Class 4 river category, and anything else that would promote continued diminishment of our water resources.

Again, I would like to encourage you in your attempt to assure the sustainability and quality of our river resources. It is my sincere hope this can be accomplished – without the formalized acceptance and support of continued abuse and possible destruction of certain rivers or streams.

I thank you for your consideration

Very truly yours,

Roger W. Alsbaugh

Cc: Enfield Conservation Commission  
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Culver Modisette, Northern Connecticut Land Trust  
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